



# Sabine Hotel

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

4-16-57

Dear Folks,

Have not heard anything from Calif lately but I have not sent anything that way either. We are all doing O.K. except for a cold now and then. we have been having lots of rainy weather and storms. guess you read about the cyclone that hit Dallas Texas.

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April 29, 1957

Dear Aunt Alma & Uncle Kirby,

Now it is I who am apologizing for not writing. I got your letter the day I went home for the Easter holidays. I wasn't expecting any mail that morning, so your letter was doubly welcome.

I enjoyed the holidays very much. I took off a day early. I talked to my professors and they told me to go ahead. They didn't even give me double cuts! That one day made all the difference in the world. I got almost everything done that I needed to do. I really needed to be sure that I have a job for this summer. I have one and with an increase in salary.

Easter I played the organ for church. Mrs. Atkins went visiting and asked me to play for her. I was glad to do it. We've gotten chair robes now.



The day after we got back to school, it really rained. They had had a flood the weekend we were home. It seems like the rains just keep coming. It rained so hard Tuesday that we didn't have class. The creek overflowed and they had to open the gates on Lake Haco. Some of the neighboring towns were really hit hard!

We were afraid it would get up to the dam for a while. It did flood the boys' dorms.

A couple of days later the sky really looked bad. It was practically yellow. The wind blew 100 m.p.h. I was at work when it happened. I was scared too. It lasted for only about 2 hours.

It has rained for nine days. The radio this morning said to expect it for the next five. Seems like we

never could get any rain. Now it won't stop. We have had 3 more inches of rain already this year than we had all of last year.

Our church just finished a revival last week. Even though the rains came, people came to the services. We had good results. We only got to go one night during the week. They wouldn't let us out of the room to go, but it would have been silly to try.

I have been working hard. Also have been studying although not as much as I could.

I am enjoying my art course. My last picture is my favorite. It is a landscape. Everyone thinks it is very good - even Miss Jennings. I'm very proud of it.

We have a holiday Wednesday - May Day.



We've had a lot of holidays  
what with Easter and the rains.

Barlow gets out earlier than  
the other colleges. I have to  
stay for a test on the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
of May. Then I can go home  
and will I be glad to get  
there.

Your guppy sounds like  
quite a handful! He don't  
have as many birds as you all  
do, but we have some mighty  
cute squirrels.

We didn't have a thing except  
bread that I liked for supper.  
I ate three rolls and will  
probably get fat again. I'm  
stunning now.

Love you all,  
Mary Jo.



Feb 23

Dear Kirby, Alma -

Sorry this check is so late. I was in charge of the P.T.A. Founder Day Program this month. Everything went so fast except that. I just can't take on a responsibility like that & keep things running smoothly at home. But one has to take a turn at it once in a while. The program went well & was enjoyed. I read a ~~new~~ narrative of the Founding & history of P.T.A. & for each 10 year period or so we showed fashions of that era. Such clothes - it was fun, but entailed lots of ~~to~~ telephoning & running around to find & gather them. We even had a copy couple of the real high button women shoes.



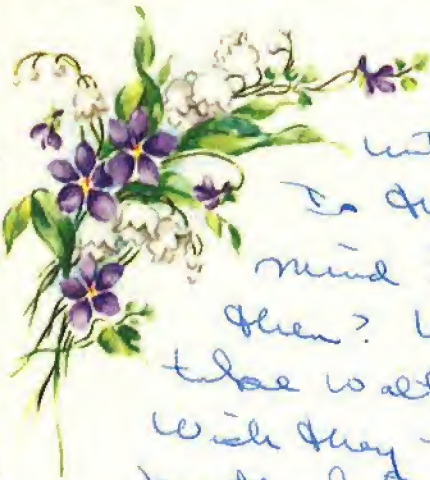
Alma - I've been doing some gardening. Put in some Calceolarias for spring color & cleaning out & trying to get things in shape before the big weed growing season starts.

We finally got 3 walnut trees & 2 cherries. Hope to put roses in the fence before its too late - but they aren't cheap - are they?!!

The children are all well from our sez. of colds & coughs. Lots of mumps around now. All but April had them last spring - but the girls & I only had on one side.

Basket Ball season ended this Thursday. We wound the season up in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Except for one game - which the boys played very poorly - they were well pleased. This was the worst team he has ever had - ~~but~~ they ~~were~~ learned faster & were more coachable than any previous team. All are seniors - so it's a fresh start again next year.

about the pups - we are going to see them some time this week end. There is only 1 white male. Would Walt & Mary want black & silver? a how could we get the pups & them? We could keep yours for you



until you come in April.  
To find what you had in  
mind? - To take it home  
then? Were you planning to  
take Walter Mary then too?  
Wish they had been home a  
month later. Can't you see us  
here with 3 pups & major >!!!!  
for a month! Wow! We have  
thought we could skip this  
round & get a pup for ourselves  
next time, but we'd be in the  
soup if something happened to Major  
in the meantime.

We had planned to spend  
Easter with my folks. However  
we have the whole week off  
before Easter & perhaps it would be  
even better if we visit them  
during that week.

It will be fine to have Art too.  
We are disappointed that he hasn't  
been able to come up. Haven't heard  
from him since Xmas. Will finish  
this after we see the pups.



Kay is working on the storage wall  
in living room. Had planned to have  
a small practice this weekend -  
but the rain stopped that.

We are buying Encyclopedia  
Britannica - the 24 volumes will  
come in next 2 weeks - so that  
finally put the spin to us on the  
storage wall - which we've been  
talking about for 3 years. This will  
house records - player - speaker - Books -  
magazines - a desk - radio - also  
storage for magazines we save to clip +  
bases - ant object etc. So many of these  
things are cluttering closet that were  
built for some other purpose.

I saw an add in Nat'l Geo. for  
the Encyclopedia + sent off for information. So  
we had a salesman. It's one of these  
advance deals (they start canvassing this  
area in March) For the privilege of using  
our name as buyers a set + also our  
giving them 10 names of possible prospective  
buyers. we got \$142<sup>00</sup> off the regular price.  
Payments are \$15<sup>00</sup> per month + no carrying  
charges. The other deals we looked at were  
near or same in price + not half the Ency. this  
is. We are real enjoying the Nat'l  
Geo., Kirby - the whole family. It's



a wonderful thing.

Barbara & Wendy both had excellent school reports this past quarter. Wendy's teacher says Wendy is one of her most dependable youngsters - & she is doing very well in school work. This is the 1st year she has completely liked her teacher. Just a matter of being OK before, but this one she is most enthusiastic about & we're so glad.

On Barbara's Kindergarten Progress report the girl said "Barbara is a teacher's joy." Also that during the 2 weeks period when there were only 20 "v" so in class (34 total - but ~~and~~ lot out because I cold them) Barbara blossomed & had to be reprimanded twice. "... a thing I thought would never happen" said the teacher. It's wonderful to have them both enjoying school so well. They also get along better together at home too.



Didn't get a chance to  
see the pups - too much  
rain over weekend.

will send this off +  
write about pups later.

Love,  
Eysie



Tell Marie that she was  
not late for April B'day at  
all. The ~~yellow~~ blue  
their gift will be May 6  
writing soon.

Idi -

Isn't we having fun  
with our pups! Ry is  
such a monster that he  
hardly looks like a pup now.  
His feet are almost as large  
as Majors - no kidding.

Is Sulu going thru the  
process of learning to keep her  
ear up? It's a scream - he  
looks so funny when he runs.  
They way they flap up & down!

He broke out of his house  
last night - so now I guess he  
sleeps in the back porch.

I meant to write when they  
were 3 months old - but let



it slip. They were born  
on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Yes. Ryg loves water too -  
& mud. He likes at the hose  
(I mean water coming out of it)  
but Major always does too.  
In fact in the summer when  
the kids are playing in the  
hose water - we have to put  
Major in the house, because  
he won't stay away & those  
snapping jaws can be  
dangerous.

Major is a complete  
push over - lets the boys chew  
him to pieces & loves it. It  
certainly helps keep the wear &  
tear off of the kids' throats!

Have you noticed the real  
dog hair coming in on Bulb's  
back? Ryg's stands up on end  
when he's barking at a stranger &  
it looks conical - just that one  
little tuft! This is like having



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leaves at the same time - isn't it? - Comparing notes et al!! Alma will you bring Sulu my when you come? Wouldn't they have fun together!

Linley - if we don't write again before you leave here wishing you a wonderful trip & Godspeed all the way. Will be eager to hear from you.

My folks have definitely decided to come to Sinden in June to stay. So we are in the process of house hunting & believe we have found a good spot for them. Tho' it is very small. Dad has had a rough past month - so is now convinced about retiring - at least for awhile. Their Social Security is coming along



nicely - believe they can start  
to draw in July. Glad you  
is all fix up too.

Coile may be teaching in  
Tone (small town about 12  
mile from here) next fall, but  
they plan to continue living in  
Sunder. I guess I told you?

That Ray signed his  
contract. It's nice not to  
be going thru a big  
decision as we did last  
year at this time!

Time for bed.

Much love to you  
both - & to Sulu.

Epsie

B.S. How's Casey doing?  
Got to busy up with our triplet!

May 14, 1957

Dear Aunt Alma & Uncle Kirby,

Not only have we had high water but Sunday I was in a cyclone. He watched it. Finally it hit, two blocks from where we were staying. It damaged four houses but miraculously no one was hurt. It was in Crawford where I go to church. That's about 20 miles from Iaco.

Believe me, I've never been scared so in quite such a way! I'd always thought they were black but this one was white. The clouds all around were pitch black.

You know how Daddy listens to the news, particularly the weather. When I got back to the dorm Sunday night I immediately placed a call home. I knew they would be worried about me. Things always sound much worse over the radio. When I finally got them, guess what? They hadn't even listened to the radio! Daddy has



had a lot of extra work brought on by the floods. Now they will be worried about me til they get me home. I think the weather has left now. The sun was out today in a beautiful blue sky. First time in way over a month.

Uncle Kirby, I suppose you will be busy now more than ever. I know your trip will be very rewarding. I shan't expect a letter from you, Aunt Alma can relay the news. I would like a postcard from Moscow if you have time. I'm very interested in Moscow because of an economics course I'm taking this quarter.

Exams begin the 21st and I go home home the 23rd.

Momma and Daddy are coming up after me. That is, if they can now out.

Momma sent a huge package of cookies and Kolaches

to keep us healthy during exams.

She really outdid herself this time. It will take us a couple of days to demolish these. My suite-mates will help devour them.

The dining hall is cleaning out its refrigerators now. The meals are getting progressively worse.

It'll be too much longer now.

My roommate is thinking about attending an art institute in Los Angeles. I don't want her to leave. She's not sure she wants to ykt. She admires you all very much.

Set myself a 10 p.m. deadline but have passed it now. I've spent more time letter writing than studying but I enjoy it so much more.

I don't guess "Bon Voyage" is what they say when you're going on a plane but do be careful. Aunt Alma, don't do too much.

Love you both very much,  
Mary Jo



KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Tuesday = May 28 - 57.

Darling:

See! I keep waiting for you to come in and say "When does sat.?" So does Lulu. Seems awfully still and lonesome without you.

Be sure to shift your notebook & Tissues to the suitcase, so you will not extend the small bag too much. Also when you use your clothes line, you have to wet the end pieces to make them stick.

If you don't get any more letters from me, it is because I can't find addresses. Not in folder, at least not beyond N.Y. Looked in desk.

What about airsickness. Did you need a pill. Or don't they give them to you? - Heaps and heaps love

always yours

Alma.

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Hotel Imperial, London  
Sunny morning  
June 1

Dearest:

The flight across the ocean  
was smooth & pleasant. Sunrise  
was glorious above the clouds.

Have now made three flights  
to N.Y., across to Glasgow, and  
to London. No airsickness!

Had our first group picnic  
with Muriel & Doris Lester,  
Reginald Reynolds whom we  
met in India and Allen  
Skinner. Going to Quaker  
meeting soon.

Long sleep last night  
and feeling fine.



It is pleasant to be back in  
London.

Bill is very efficient with  
arrangements.

18 of us here. Excellent  
group.

Room by myself!

Dr & Mrs Reynolds are with  
us. So far very congenial.

our new minister is  
a great addition to the party

How I wish you could  
be here.

With love

Kirkby

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June 2 1957.  
Linden Calif.

Darling:

Made a quick trip up Friday. Art did not come. Would not get paid until Monday and did not want to borrow from me or Kay - may possibly come up and go home with me - gave Lulu a pill and she was quiet whole trip. The Vet told me that morning that if we ever decided we didn't want her, he would take her. Since Art didn't come, I left home at 1 o'clock. Wanted to leave at 12, but after going to town after taking Lulu in and had to make so many trips to load up. Put things in cart to take them down. Epsie and kids very much pleased with new Pictured Knowledge Books. Oh boy, if you could see Lulu & Rye - They go constantly. Have to let her in the house to sleep during day. She just flops and sleeps.

Card from Sherwood says they always stay at the Victoria Palace Hotel near Mt Parnassus St. in Paris. Geo. Paine sent check for 50. So we will not starve.

Kay and Epsie sleep late Sat & Sun. so things are pretty lively for a while. Have fed kids except April.

Bobbie & Laddie's address is Glen Thornton Van Dusen Rt 2 Box 2 Thibidoux, La. Oh, I forgot Mimi's address when I asked. Was in hurry. Will send when I get home. Things sure were quiet at home last week. When I get back Heather is coming. Heaps and Heaps Love

always yours  
Alma



Wed. June, 5

Dear Kerby -

Your cards received and enjoyed. Gauder brought back memories - some country! We are following your schedule closely and remember you daily. Sally keeps saying Grammy is over where Daddy was - across the ocean!

I hope you're adjusting to fast travel and time change by now. Eager to hear of group's experiences as you go along.

Larry Scott due here from NY & Chicago this Thursday to talk over plans for July assembly at Las Vegas for demonstration on tests in Nev. Some groups invited to meet with him.

The German Quaker Peace Comm. leader's name is better spelled - Margarethe Lachmund in Berlin.

Hi -

Hardly seems possible Summer vacation is upon us again - except for the weather! It's been 95-100 here lately.

Heather had a good trip - came back all raring to go again. Tom graduates next week and his classmates voted him one of the 50 campships which helps on the Yosemite Carsona Trip.

We finally got the rest of the kitchen painted on Memorial Day - except the inside of the cupboards - looks quite nice.

Heather had a nice birthday - Horseback riding with Janice & Walt - then we all went up San Gabriel River to cool off -

Tom - Mary & Walt



Wednesday June 5, 1957

Dear Alma and all:

Received your letter last evening when we went down after the mail, also one from Kirby mailed from Philadelphia. It was good to know that you didn't have any trouble on your trip north and that Lulu survived O.K.

It has been very hot down here since you left, three days in a row of over 90 degrees. Supposed to be a little cooler today about 88, was quite foggy this morning when I left home. So that means we have really been pouring the water on. I have watered every night until dark.

Eat some cherries for me. There have been some in the stores but they don't look very good yet. Did see some beautiful ones about a week or so ago but they were .79 per pound, didn't think they were that beautiful. But hope they will soon be some good ones as the ones down by Beaumont will be ready in about two weeks.

I took Mrs. Levine to the train yesterday morning, so we have the cat to look after. She will be back sometime Thursday afternoon late.

Haven't seen Margaret or Jesse so don't know if Roscoe won another leg on his championship or not.

Glad that Wendy's P.J.'s were all together, the sales girl just gave me an extra pair of panties. So, happy that Barbara is pleased with the other pair, they still had some like them so I got Wendy Lou a size ten. You know she has gained so much weight since she had her tonsils out.

Walt said that Heather had a nice birthday, they didn't have a party for her and she was a little unhappy about that. One of her girl friends spent the night with her and so he took them horseback riding, he rode also and got kicked by the horse. Nothing serious he said but did have a black and blue place on his knee. The horseback ride made Heather very happy.

The social security check came yesterday, but guess you will need to sign it before it can be deposited. I don't think they will take it with the stamp, I really don't know. So we will just put it away until you come home.

Heaps love to all.

Maria + Perry



Sinden June 6 - 1957 -

Darling:

Well, things running as smoothly as they can with four children around. April is getting so she wants Grandma to take her down from the table chain when she eats. She is a doll and so good natured. Mark is a big man most of the time. School is out tomorrow, Fri., and then they will be able to sleep later.

Lulu and Rye got so tired, she wouldn't eat yesterday, just nited, so I locked her up last night and she was OK this morning. They will not play with the ball or mouse, just each other. They are both a circus.

Have begun to sew a little, mostly patching so far, will get to the real sewing in a day or two. Plenty to do in the patching line. It is not hot by a long shot. Oh say did I eat cherries. Remember, you were not here to say nay. Didn't hurt me at all. Of course, I did not eat too much at a time. Kay's berries are loaded, but just a few ripe now and then. The children get them, if the birds don't. Kay is so good with the children. He just went to the store to shop. Took all 4 kids along.

Oh yes. Don Bowden a Calif. Jurnon won the mile race last Monday at the relays at Stockton in 3-58-07. Kay & Eileen were thrilled to have seen it. Love love. Alma.

Big news here is a championship in baseball game - Play off North with South Part of League we won 5-0 On 1 hitter so I feel pretty good. Have a good time Kay





June 9, 1957

Dear Uncle Kirby,

I was so glad to get the postcards. I'm following your travels with great interest.

Friday night I went to see "Around the World in 80 Days". It was extremely interesting and had many good shots of the countries. I especially enjoyed England and France. Spain was very colorful.

Yesterday was my 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. Can you imagine my being that old? It just doesn't seem possible. I really don't feel like an "old woman".




The rains are still coming. Here in Rosenberg, we have even had a few tornados - they didn't touch the ground luckily.

Because of the rains, the men can't get into the fields to measure the cotton. As a result, I haven't been working hard at all. I'd rather be very busy than doing nothing though.

Aunt Iris and Uncle Billy, Bill, and Pat, were down for dinner last Sunday. He had a nice visit with them. I hadn't seen them in a couple of months.

Our Sunday School here at Thompsons is doing very nicely. He had a nice crowd

this morning.  I am playing  
the piano again and teaching  
a young people's class. Then we  
go on to church in Richmond.  
We ride in an air-conditioned  
car which makes the ride very  
pleasant.

Momma and Daddy are  
doing fine. Pappa gets tired  
easily but that is to be  
expected. He doesn't have to go  
back to the doctor for six  
weeks.

Take care of your self.  
I remember you in my prayers.

Love,

Mary Jo



Dear Brantley,

Sorry I could'nt write you on the trip. But I just could'nt find the time. I had a wonderful time, even. I got a little wet at Big Sur. Casey is stronger than me now. The kittens are all playing. Weather

Dear groupies

School is just about over and I hope I pass.  
The marching we do at school is the best  
fun is just about to finish for we because  
we have to march a certain way.  
School work is getting harder every day and  
hope it we be over soon. after school  
I hope to get the work up on the mill and  
getting it to look real good.  
Love Ronnie.

Dear Frank,

I bet you're having a marvelous trip. Someday I sure would love to travel to Europe myself. These last days of school are really going slow. I have a lot of work to hand in so I will pass at least some classes with good grades. My social life has really been fun and I have a



Sinder. June 30. AM.

Darling:

Well, Kay is surely enjoying the end of school. However, he starts today to have 4 mornings a week recreation. Friday night he made cinnamon rolls. Not his best though. He is out of practice. Yesterday he made apple, and berry, pies. Also homemade bread. Both excellent. First berries. Look fine.

You should see him mow the lawns. He rides, and has the wagon hooked on behind with from 2 to 4 kids riding. Wendy is not riding so much now as she is too big for such childish fun, but sometimes condescends to take part.

Rained all day yesterday and you should see our Lulu. She and Rye get out in the garden part and get all muddy, and then chase around and roll all over each other and dash with dirty paws. Consequently Lulu looks brown. Rye doesn't show the dirt, but is just as dirty. They tussle over a bone or a <sup>dry</sup> weed or a rag, and have great times. Sometimes they are both a circus. Poor old Major has a hard time with 2 to contend with.

Boy, you should have been around yesterday when all 4 kids had to stay inside. They got on each other's nerves and shouted and screamed and fit like the very devil. Such a time. Finally came bed time and a little peace and quiet. Kay and Epcie take it in stride, and I didn't do so badly myself.

Time really flies, and I don't get as much done as I want to. Can't do too much sewing when I'm Baby-sitting, because I need to keep an eye on them.

Miss you. Heaps and heaps love

always yours -

Alma

FOLD SIDES OVER AND THEN FOLD BOTTOM UP  
MOISTEN FLAP WELL AND APPLY PRESSURE TO SEAL  
NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED



KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Versailles June 11th

Dearest:

Just leaving for Geneva.

Unexcelled trip so far. Everybody  
is raving about our experiences.  
André and Magda Troelme, <sup>two of the ablest & most heroic Xns I have</sup> are <sup>ever known.</sup>  
going to Russia with us in  
1958. We will enroll an  
outstanding German and an  
Englishman & handpick  
half a dozen outstanding  
Clergymen from the U.S. - a  
total party to Russia of 30  
to 40 individuals. <sup>We will have our own interpreters in</sup> Please <sup>advise.</sup>  
ask Francis Laird to pass

the word along quickly to  
such persons as Clay, Ragsdale,  
Kendall, Palmer, Myers, Geer,  
Lorman etc etc. If anyone  
can make up his mind now  
Send early word and we will  
include their names as  
probable members in our  
preliminary announcement  
of 1958 trip. The schedule

all air travel	July 8-14	London	Cost from \$1300 to \$1500
	15-21	Paris	
	22-24	Geneva	
	25-31	Berlin	
	Aug 1-10	Russia	

Please type &  
give copy to  
Francis & Walt

More soon  
much love  
Kirby



Linden, June 13-1957

Darling:

Fortunately for Kay, his summer program is from 10-12 and they don't have to get up as early as during school, and Friday is free. I get at seven to let Lulu out, and usually have my breakfast before the children are around. Lulu is doing much better since I lock her up at night.

After I fed the pups I got a big colander, (strainer) and went out and picked berries. It leaped up and running over, and when I got in the mob was up -

Conference is going on in Stockton, and they went in yesterday afternoon and got Charles and brought him out to look at places to store their things until the house they are renting is ready. They are going to have about a month after giving up the Butter place until the other house is ready. Charles looks pretty good, but he is bent and very slow, much like Dr. Mendenhall was after his accident. He had a prostate operation and it has affected him much like a woman at change of life. Edna was not feeling well enough to come to conference yet and also she had to clear out the kitchen up there so it could be painted.

Am not getting much done in new sewing, but have done a heck of a lot of patching. I guess that serves the purpose just as well. Am now ready to begin sewing some blouses for the girls for summer. I guess I can take some stuff home to sew.

As of the present, we are to pick some cherries this afternoon. The trees have been picked commercially already, and this is gleaming. I guess there will be for free.

Be sure and keep everything locked up when you go to Russia. Heaps and heaps love always yours  
Alma.



London June 17-57

Darling:

It is 8 AM and they are all still asleep. Have had my breakfast and fed Rye, but not Lulu, as I want her to have a better trip. I shall have to wake them soon as I have a couple of things to do in that room before I leave, and I want to get away at noon. John sang on Ed Sullivan's show last night and they went to a friend's house to see. Left April with me as I didn't feel like going, and she cried most of the time because she saw them all go but her.

Did not get too much done, especially this past week, as there were cherries to can <sup>(free)</sup> and berries to freeze. Pitted some of the cherries and made some jam for Epsie. Have some cherries to take home. Pretty ripe but hope to get through with them in the refrigerator. Froze some ice in milk cartons to put in with them. Marie will love them.

Haven't had letters this week so suppose they have gone home.

Heaps and heaps love

always, your

Alma.



June 17, 1957

Dear Kirby:

I have been waiting for Perry to write, but he just doesn't seem to do it. So, guess I had better get a letter off to you before you think we have forgotten how to write. (June 18)

The week after you left and the day after Alma left to go up to Kay's we had four days of over 90 degrees but since then until this Sunday it has been cloudy and cool in fact had one rain about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. Sunday it started to get hot again and yesterday was 100 in Los Angeles, supposed to be about 97 today and cooler tomorrow. We have really been putting the water on.

Perry picked three boxes of berries last Friday and I made them into four pints of jam. Also jamed another flat of strawberries and put one flat in the freezer since you left.

Alma arrived home last night hot and tired, Lulu was ~~xxxx~~ exuberant with joy to get home. Didn't talk with her much since it was around 9:00 p.m. and I was thinking about bed. Will have a good talk tonight.

Margaret and Jessie's dog Roscoe, earned another leg on his championship and needs only one more. He just missed a cup by one point at the big dog show in Pasadena. They are getting along fine and said to be sure and send their greetings when we write.

We are looking for Bill and Madge to come down next week about the 23rd. Said that Nellie and Petehad some fish for us and they will be bringing it down. We will be glad to have the fish.

Perry has been having a time with his asthma and sinus, just doesn't seem to get rid of the hacking and coughing. He seems to be tired all the time, but I can't get him to go see the doctor. Will try to get him started on ~~xxx~~ iron pills again.

The American and National League races are going strong. It has been sometime since the Yankees have been out of first place at this time of the season. Will send you the clipping on the standings in the next letter. Vancouver lost five out of seven games to Hollywood this past week so they have dropped out of first place, San Francisco is now on top.

Sounds so far as if your trip is very interesting and rewarding. If you should see Wilfred Wellock again give him my best. I doubt if he remembers me but I took him to a meeting when he was here. We are looking forward to having Reginald Sorenson here this fall (I believe it is he comes).

We look forward eagerly to your letters. We will try to be more prompt in writing to you.

*Much Love*  
*Perry & Marie*

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June 18th 1957

Dear Mrs. Page!

Thanks for the recipes you sent to me. Some time when it is cooler I mean to try them. We are having some hot days and I hope you are cooler.

I am enclosing the peanut butter cookie recipe. Our Swedish nurse who bakes lots of cookies told me she thought I did not use too much flour but she thought I did not use enough shortening. She tells me it takes a cube of butter or margarine to make  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup shortening. She always uses butter in her cookies and they are very rich.

Gale has had word from your husband. I hope he stays well during all the trip.

Thanks again for all the jams and fruit you bring to us.

Love,

Florence



Sabbabally, June 19-1957

Darling:

Well here I am home again, and wow! is it ever hot! 104° 2 days. 91° in living room. Had fan going. Even hot at night. Not nearly as hot at Ray's, and when it does get hot he has the cooler. Funny thing, when I started, the car was hot from sitting in sun, and it soon was cooler from the breeze, but Lulu and I were uncomfortable. We soon had to stop for gas, and I started the fan, and what do you suppose I found? One of the babies had been in and pushed the heat button over, after that it was better. They had just put out a big fire in center of Modesto across track. Big fire place. Fire engines still there, another one on Ridge Route. Many acres burned, hot out, yesterday Mary was out, and Sally wanted TV on, and they showed Big fire in Griffith Park. 300 acres in air house and still going. This one was from truck turning over and burning.

Our berries have just started, but our Nile lilies and gladiolus are going full tilt.

Hope this get to you before you leave Berlin. Must get ready to let Marie take this in as we went to town yesterday. Brought home cherries and are they ever good! Some some to Mary.

Heaps and heaps love

Always yours

Alma





# DETROIT-LELAND HOTEL

DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

June 20

Dear Alma -

Wondering how your trip home went? I'll bet you really appreciate the peace & quiet these days!

Poor Rye was a lost soul - Sunday & Ray took Major over to see Benny the afternoon you left. When I brought Major home the next day - Rye went crazy with joy! Major didn't do so well this time. His back must be bothering him. He couldn't stay up on Benny long enough - legs gave out - so I brought him home to rest up. Ray took him in to the Animal Hospital with Rye, but Doc said he couldn't do anything to help the situation. So - we took Major back to Privately again last night & hope for the best. That place on Rye's neck was swollen from his previous shot. Vet said it happens sometimes.

We miss you! - I feel keeps saying "Benny go bye-bye with Alma in car". Boy is it wonderful





to have all the mending done. I sure  
do appreciate all you've done & all  
the nice things you brought for us.

Ray had a head attack of sinus.  
Had to have a penicillin shot &  
sleeping pills. His head was really  
aching. He & Wendy will go up on  
the train to Marysville tomorrow  
noon & drive the folks back in the  
evening. Their stuff is coming down  
on Sat.

The kids are really enjoying  
their swimming lessons - hope they  
learn something.

We see that S.A. had  $104^{\circ}$   
the other day. What's going on down  
there? That's only supposed to happen in  
the Calif. Valley! It's cooled off here  
now - but Tuesday was hotter than  
hades!  $102^{\circ}$  in Stockton.

A girl has a cold & last night  
woken me up with the old crampy  
hank. So I turned on the hot  
shower full blast & sat with her  
in the bathroom - then let the  
steam go into her room. After that  
she slept O.K. This is called symptomatic  
cramp & comes on with a sudden cold  
during the night. She seems O.K.  
today, but not much pep.





# DETROIT-LELAND HOTEL

DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

How is everyone down there? And have you heard from Kirby? Did the cherries stand the trip O.K.?

With all the running around for swimming & T.W. Thos. recreation for Wendy & Bartine, I still haven't made much headway clearing house. Did get the front half done yesterday tho'. Wonder if we'll be able to settle into a routine soon. I find myself almost wishing school was in session again & this when I was dying for summer to come. Seems ages since school was out & I only been two weeks!! Haven't picked berries for jam yet & Ray says I'd better on the heat will bite them. This cooler weather should help tho' & the paper says it will continue for a few days.

Thanks a million for being so good to us & putting up with all the racket & disorganization!  
Much love from us all  
Egine





Fri - June 21

Dear Kirby -

Hope this reaches you in time as well as Herbert Jehle's letter of introduction to Prof. Kapitsa in Moscow. Herbert has known him for 20 years. Linus Pauling is somewhere in Europe himself.

We're all at John & Mary's for supper. Going to see Schweitzer film. Some fun. Will have all write a greeting.

Sorry - That's as far as we got last night - had to run - The film is excellent - Much better than the reviews have indicated, Walt felt - Ron went with us - while Heather & Sally stayed at John's till we got back, (July was at beach) I guess the summer will fly as fast at least winter did - We leave for family camp & week from ~~today~~ <sup>Monday</sup>. We took a date for the Taylor Beach cabin also. The Peckham and we will share it the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in August. Ron's grandmother trip will be the 16 of July, till 23<sup>rd</sup>.

It was good to see mother again - She seems to have enjoyed it immensely - Walt & Ron have got her up & Hyllurid to try to get things more ready for the workcamp. What a mess - he goes to Bedford next weekend -

Enjoy your letters

Love Mary & Walt



June 22 1957

Darling:

Since you say letters reach you in 4 days, am trying to get this to you at Berlin. There are things which have just come up.

Did you know that Mary Dausbury had passed on? Was that why you wrote him in February?

Now The Southern California Christian Ministers Want a Retreat next April. The 13-14-15. However the 13<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday. First Sunday in wrote a card saying that they always stay at the Victoria Palace Hotel in Paris, near Mt Parnasse Station.

Heaps love, and do take your pills each day

Always yours

Alma.

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# Prince George Hotel

at 14 East 28th Street - New York 16, N. Y.

Charles P. Kane - Manager

LExington 2-7800

Sunday 4. -

My dear Alma: -

We are off to-night for London  
 and hope we shall have some new experiences  
 I want to write you to thank you again  
 for the ships you sent to our Emily that  
 are still blossoming and delight us  
 all. You never did a kinder thing. We  
 had our last jar of figs just before we  
 left - we have hoarded them for  
 special occasions for they are so good.  
 But even more I want to put down  
 one or two things about Kio's book that  
 are still in my mind. I appreciated  
 one and told me many things I did  
 not know, not only about Kio but  
 about Idewood as well. My first  
 response when I finished the book  
 in Cleveland its "The Hollenden"

was of breathlessness for so much  
is packed in these pages. I felt  
at times that it was more of a catalogue  
than a narrative but I don't see how  
he can get all those people listed in  
any other way. I think he might

have told more of the younger groups  
on your list - for that is a forerunner  
of a trend in spiritual training and  
people need help in understanding  
both how to do it and its effects.

If anything is to be said I would suggest  
it be the periphery of family - only  
those who have definitely influenced him  
should be included I would think.

It is the story of a thrilling life lived  
in a thrilling time & ought to be  
published. Do the graduates have  
a place? I believe it would be  
better than a religious piece than





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any other one. What's the situation?  
 On the Christian Science Press, which  
 I believe is under some other name.

We are counting on seeing Tuesday  
 in Paris, but I wish for more  
 that we were going to see both of you  
 - Jacksonville.

I'm worried about your back. I've  
 had a nasty bout with arthritis  
 this spring that put me in the hospital  
 for ten days, flat without even a pillow!  
 and another two weeks at home.  
 Now I am wearing a re-enforced  
 foundation garment & special  
 In Cleveland its "The Hollenden"

shoes and taking too many  
pills, but I - almost comfortable!  
I hope you may be a restful  
summer this knowing you  
and remembering your greatest  
share my love to!

Second joins me in deep affection  
for you both

Miss Eddey

June 23<sup>rd</sup> -





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June 29th

Dearest:

off for Poland and Russia! Six  
men + two women.

Feeling fine and dandy!

I wrote that I would like  
to accept Winston's minister's retreat  
in April.

all first group except us 8  
now scattered + homeward bound.

I love you! I love you!

Your

Kirby



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July 1-

Dear Dad -

Everything in a hubbub here - were packing to  
can to go to family camp. Took kids or have  
enough for 3 families! my pants done for now anyway.  
your letter found wonderful - like you're really having a time.  
Will be interested to hear about the Russian trip.

Dear Grampy,  
On Thursday to Sunday I stayed at Grammy's.  
I didn't ~~earn~~ earn very much money this time.  
We're getting ready to leave. I have a sum of 2 mk for  
ten people. I might go horse-back riding.

Yours  
Heather

Kirby -

Very much enjoy your commentary on  
people & the trip. Will give much  
consideration to next year's trip.  
Grigor McClelland - was tops on  
interpreting China + USSR from  
his Quaker mission visits.

Meeting at Allan's church.  
Discovered he has your picture  
where he sees it inside little  
railing around pulpit - when he  
preaches!

Has Marguerite Lackmund  
been in touch with Dr. W. Nathan

family in Israel? (If you see her again!  
you might ask). Hope your health is  
holding up Ok. Blessings - Walt

Hi Grampy

Having lots of fun making money and  
spending it. Hope to see you soon and  
know you will be so close.  
Love Ronnie



KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Warsaw July 1

Dearest:

Perhaps no spot on earth  
has been the scene of more  
misery than the ghettos of  
Warsaw. We stood where nearly  
half a million Jews were  
starved and massacred.  
Most of the city was  
demolished. In an amazing  
way Warsaw is being  
re-built. We had an  
especially fine guide  
who had been in the  
British air force.

Today is free and we are  
trying to make contacts with  
persons whose names had  
been given to us.

Comfortable, large hotel.

The meals were not  
prepared in accordance  
with your diet!! I am

feeling exceptionally well.  
Seem to have lost four  
pounds.

at 6 PM off for Moscow.

Merch love

Kirby





Гостиница „НАЦИОНАЛЬ“  
г. Москва

Tuesday July 2

Dearest:

our party of eight had  
a special Polish plane all  
to ourselves - seven hrs  
non-stop Warsaw to Moscow.

Crawled into bed about  
3 A.M. Breakfast at 10.

Guided tour for 3 hrs  
and have just returned  
from nearly two hours on  
the famed Moscow subway -

really impressive mosaics  
and lighting effects.

Luxurious huge room  
to myself. All you can  
eat as many times as  
you ask for it.

The building program  
here is really amazing.

The University houses, teaches  
etc 6,000 students out of  
nine thousand enrolled.

More soon

Much love

Nirby



July 5 - 1957

Darling:

This came a day late for  
forwarding before you left Berlin.

Will you please send me  
your address for London  
so that if necessary I can  
get in touch with you there.

Yours

Anna



La Habra, Calif  
July 5 - 1967

Darling:

Well, yesterday was a typical deep  
Bouth 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Hatterin Blazes and  
then some. It got so hot, even with  
the fan on, that I had to go out and sit  
under the olive tree. Not much good for  
getting anything done these days. When  
it is cool enough, we spread water over  
the place.

Have been trying to get some sewing  
done for Kay's kids. Sew a little in  
the morning, and do the handwork in the  
afternoons. Sent them several blouses Wed.  
Mary and Walt are at the family camp this  
week, all except Judy. She is staying at  
night with a girl friend. Heather was  
out a few days last week, but did not  
get much done.

You just ought to see what I eat at  
lunch time! a salad twice as big as  
when I give you a salad plate. Mine is  
a big bowl.

I told you Sherwood is at Victoria Palace Hotel,  
nothing from Kinchard. Francis is working  
on material. called yesterday. Will talk to  
Walt next time I see him.

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We had late spring, and now, heat with a bang, so-so, the lookout for Aussades is practically nil, Simons dropping off track, in heat, and there will be a gap before others come in.

Will you please, please be extra careful not to get any of this Oriental flu that is going the rounds in Europe.

FIRST FOLD

NO TAPE OR STICKER MAY BE ATTACHED  
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SECOND FOLD

are you using your razor moustache?  
and the stick deodorant? What has the  
weather been like? Do you remember to  
take your Vitamins?

Heaps and heaps love  
always yours  
Alma



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Dear Kirby -

Mother's condition is weak-  
ening - The doctors are unable  
to understand her durability.

She is conscious but  
she wants to go - She is so  
helpless -

I am going to try to  
have Allen Hunter come  
out for the funeral -  
Yours,  
Paul



Friday 7/12

Dear Kirby -

You must have had quite a time in Moscow -  
Much fireworks! Did you talk with U.S.  
Officials, press?

Alma over last night for supper. We  
talked some about fall schedule - 10 engage-  
ments thus far plus ministers days.

Have had a rough time getting answers  
from several. Should have schedule  
complete by mid week next. + hope to  
have mimeo announcement done by end of  
week.

Also mentioned next summer's plans.  
We'll just have to wait + see what  
develops - "as way may open"

220 ministers have endorsed bomb appeal  
started by Methodists. Frank Crane, etc.  
JCL helping to get letters out to 5,000  
Calif. ministers. Pushing hard for appeals  
+ petitions to Ike to continue consideration  
of banning tests + staying at negotiations on  
disarm in London. Eager to hear your  
report on impressions there.

Hi - it was wonderful to get up to the  
mountains and get out of all the heat.  
We were just below Camp Radford. Have  
a very nice time - and some rest from housework.  
We been getting some typing done - but will have  
to step up the pace a bit. Wish there  
weren't so many things to do around here -

Friends like you're having a wonderful  
trip.

Love -  
Mary + Walt

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Saturday, July 8 - 1957

Darling:

Everything going along as usual here. Although the 4<sup>th</sup> was a stinker (102°) without a breeze, it has been much more livable since. Cool mornings, warm days.

I had to borrow \$20 from Marie to cover an overdraft the last part of May. The insurance, with interest and all, came to \$530. The Social Security and pension cks came on the 5<sup>th</sup>. The woods ck came Saturday. Will deposit it today.

Am getting some more sewing done for K's kids. They need it, after that will do some for myself to replace some of my old dresses that are falling apart, and which I am using to beat the heat just now. Much ventilation in them.

Really keeps us busy watering these days. You should be here to dabble in the water. I can hear water running somewhere now as Perry pours it on the trees.

Do tell Judy and Donna that I was still in Linden with the grandchildren when they graduated, and I had my hands pretty full just then. Full of grandchildren.

Nothing yet from Rinehart, as I have already told you. Louise has probably told you about her letter of criticism on your mess.

Hope everything goes well and you are keeping fit. Heaps and heaps love  
always yours  
Alma

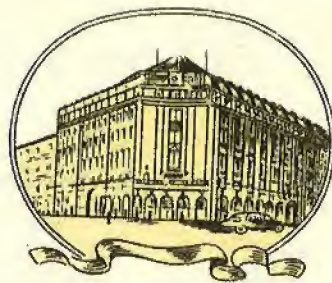
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# Гостиница "Астория"



ЛЕНИНГРАД, ул. ГЕРЦЕНА, Д. 39 Т. А. 0-00-31



July 9th on train to Helsinki

Dearest:

Just met a man in the  
corridor from Okla City, who knows  
Bill Alexander + Basil  
Hayes! Small world!

Went the round of  
muslms and saw many  
jewels and many  
famous paintings.

Had a remarkable  
experience at a Baptist Church.



The minister announced  
our presence. The Congregation  
gave us an enthusiastic  
handkerchief salute. At  
the end we were nearly  
mobbed by people who  
wanted to shake our  
hands.

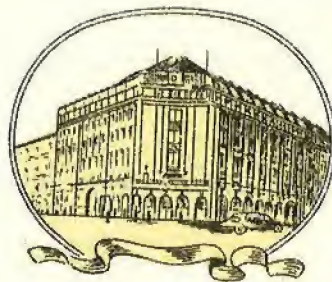
The tour has been  
a memorable experience  
and will help greatly  
with my work.

Sent From Moscow Much love  
2 letters and  
one card  
From Leningrad Kirby  
one letter & one card

# Гостиница „Астория“



ЛЕНИНГРАД, УЛ. ГЕРЦЕНА, Д. 39 Т. А. 0-00-31



Flying from Helsinki to Paris  
July 10th

Dearest:

Had a wonderful evening  
in Helsinki with nine Quakers  
and F.O.R. people. They were  
hungry for fellowship.  
Setting up program here  
for 1958.

Expect to see Sherwood  
and Lavin this afternoon in  
Paris. Meet the second



group tonight at Versailles.

Eager to get letter from you.

Hope that you received  
my letters from Berlin,  
Warsaw, Moscow and  
Leningrad.

I love you dearly.

Kirk

In two letters I  
suggested that you accept  
disable ministers in  
April.



La Habra, Calif  
July 10 1957.

Darling:

So far, we haven't had any  
more scorches like we had on  
the 4th, when it was so hot I  
couldn't stay in the house even  
with fan going. But you ought  
to be here to keep the water  
flowing. Hope you haven't gotten  
caught in any heat waves over there.

The excessive heat here so early has  
played havoc with fruit. Am planting  
some B.I.P.s today so we can have snaps -

Sending a package to Epsie today  
with things have been working on for  
kids.

Sure is good when I can go down  
and find a letter from you - Do  
give my best to the girls.

Heaps love  
yours

Alma.

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Versailles July 11th

Dearest:

Talked with Sherwood's group  
for two hours. It was grand  
to see Sherwood & Lennie again.  
They look well but he has  
developed a slight difficulty  
of speech. They left today for  
Belgrade.

Our group arrived about  
1:30 AM!

Had wonderful beginning  
with Heldegard Myn of Vienna  
and Andre Phillip. He is an  
outstanding statesman. Told  
us about his 25 hrs talk  
with Kruscher and many

Flew from Helsinki in  
7 hours - taken four days  
by boat + train!

Slept some this  
afternoon.

Taking pills etc etc

I suggested to Mary  
& Walt that they talk  
to John & Mary about  
coming in 1958 and  
giving some concerts.

Much love

Nirky



July 13, 1957

Dear Uncle Kirby,

The cards are just wonderful. It's very sweet of you to think of me so much. So far, my favorite card is the one from Paris.

How was Switzerland? I imagine that would be my best-liked country. Have you gotten to see any of the watch makers? Jane went to Europe last summer and she enjoyed that most of all!

A group of us (15 to be exact) went to the beach today. She left here at 6:30<sup>a.m.</sup> and got back about 4:00 p.m. I didn't stay out in the sun too long. However, I did get nice and red. It is not painful (guess I shouldn't venture judgment so soon). This was the first time I'd been to the beach in a year. I really did enjoy the day.

I do hope this stationery stays together until you get this letter. I only use it for writing special people and was most anxious to write to you on it. Usually it goes to A.M.

Did you get my letter I sent to Germany dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of June?

Remember the card from Poland which you at first addressed to Aunt Lu's? It was misssent to Needville, Texas, after that! I consider myself lucky to have ever gotten it.

Mamma and Daddy are well and send their love.

My prayers each night are that you will have a safe and worth-while trip.

Love,  
Marry Jo



Monday Am.  
La Habra Calif  
July 15 - 1957

Darling:

Mary and Walt and the kids and 2  
extras stopped by for supper Saturday  
on way home from the beach,  
and did they ever eat. Ron is  
bottomless.

Got one letter and card from  
Moscow, and then letter written  
on train to Helsinki <sup>3 days</sup>. Guess the  
rest from Russia will come along.  
Now that you are out of Russia  
I suppose you can tell about  
your experiences while there or  
will you wait until you get home?

Lulu is growing apace. Still squeaks  
her mouse when she is frustrated, only  
now she adds a whine. There was  
a nest of mockers just outside the  
window behind the radio, but I  
am afraid the cats got them last night.  
I don't think they were big enough to fly.

Heaps and heaps love  
always yours

Alma

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## HOTEL ASTORIA GENÈVE

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Geneva July 20th

Dearest:

The second fair goes on  
remarkably well. Fine  
spirit and excellent program.

Had four-hour boat  
trip on Lake Geneva. How  
I wish you were here!  
Get mighty lonesome for  
my sweetheart. Your ears  
must burn frequently  
because I am constantly  
talking about you. I have



not felt better in years.

Four weeks from Monday!!  
Love up a lot of kisses.

Ever your own

Kirby

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A. INEICHEN Dir.

July 21

Dearest:

Took the cog railway up Mount Pilatus  
high above Lake Lucern. Glorious  
view - sunshine, rain, snow,  
clouds!

Still feeling fine.

Leaving now for Buckeburg.  
arrive about midnight.

Love and kisses

Kirby



July 20 1957  
La Habra, Calif.

Darling:

Have had Heather and Sally for a couple of days. Ron is at camp, and Mary and Walt wanted to get some work done around their place. Marie stopped by and picked them up Wednesday evening. The only trouble was that Heather forgot to bring her shoes, and could not do any work.

I thought I was overdrawn Thursday and went down to borrow a hundred for 30 days. However, my figures must have been off, as there was no notice from the bank, and to top it off, I have a check from Epsie, and also a \$30 check from the Council for the prayers for the year, and so I deposited them and saved the day.

I think all your Russian cards came through, and letters too. Should have something today. My Best to the gals.

Hiaps and hugs love

Always yours  
Alma

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P.S. Epsie said the gals were tickled  
with their blouses, about 6 apiece, and  
it helps with the laundry question.  
am working on patches for April from  
my old pajamas.

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Ma Page  
P.O. Box 247  
La Habra, Calif. USA.



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KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Freundschaftsheim July 22

Dearest:

Four marvellous hours  
with Martin Niemöller.

Here is the report letter  
to be given to Francis and  
prepared for the offset  
printer - 6000 copies on  
6 pages - 3 sheets two sides.  
Hope that this + Living with  
Peace of Mind - 5000 copies -  
can be off the press by  
the time I return.

next to our visit  
with Mahatma Gandhi,  
the experience of this  
summer rank high.

I love you

Kirby

I borrowed an American  
typewriter!





MADE IN U.S.A.  
E.S.

July 22

Dear Kirby:-

Thanks for the  
Cards and letter.  
Myself, honest busy  
doing to good -  
Alma & Marie  
going strong -

Marie fixed up strawberry jam,  
and Alma did the Black & Bayberry  
berry jam & apricot jam so  
you are all fixed up -  
For weather at times has been

very bad - Nothing doing good -  
we can be very little Apples - Lemons  
& Oranges hurt also - bad on Veg  
and fruits - really been rough -

Wee finally got the basins  
cleaned out and the goos  
on all the trees =

Pouring the water on all  
the time -

Another 3 weeks and off to  
the lake - Marie sure needs  
the rest =

Birds having a big year -  
Ed will be home Sept 3 -

Glad you are OK and having  
Wonderful trip - Won't be long now  
Love, Marie & Perry.



Wednesday July 24-1957  
So Haven edley.

Darling:

Paul called yesterday, saying his mother had finally passed away the night before (now) Funeral will be Thursday in Riverside at 10 am. Will go.

Things here pretty much as usual, cold at night and hot in daytime, which is lots better than having it hot at night.

I don't know if we will get any peaches or not. The birds are eating them before they begin to ripen, small too, in spite of water and fertilizer. Oh well, they are 20 years old this year, (the white ones). Never saw so many birds in all the years. The blue jays are always jabbering.

Nothing from Rinehart as yet maybe you could call when you come through N.Y. What is your London address to be?

Heaps and heaps love

Always yours

Alma

my best to the  
2 girls.

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July 28th

Dearest:

Quite unexpectedly we are making a substantial change in the dates of the 1958 Tour. It now seems possible that a week's conference can be arranged in Germany which will be participated in by ten Russians, ten Europeans and ten Americans. The European Baptist Congress meets in Berlin August 26-31, and Russian delegates are expected to attend. Therefore we are trying to arrange a conference at Freundschaftsheim August 1-7. And so we are changing entirely our itinerary in the hope that this will be possible - and that non-Baptist delegates may be present. Therefore please ask Francis to substitute the following itinerary:

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*also*



La Habana Calif  
July 30 - 1957

Darling:

Weather has been pretty good  
but it is going to be hot today.

Gale and Florence and two  
women neighbors, came over  
Friday and had lunch with me  
brought everything along. They  
had a good time and I also got  
the house cleaned.

Going over to Mary's for  
supper Thursday night.  
Have been sewing and working  
outside some and taking  
care of Lulu. She will be  
~~so~~ glad to see you

come home and take her  
walking. So will I. Be  
glad to see you home again,  
and come. Hugs love

always yours

Alma

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Mon. Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dear Dad -

Won't be long now - bet you'll be both  
Sorry and glad - will all be happy to see  
you again, and hear all about the trip. If  
this reaches you in time - Happy Birthday! If  
not - hope you had a nice one.

Dear Grandma,

Happy Birthday! I hope you are having a fine

time over there. This week-end dad, Ronnie, Sally, and I are  
going up in the hills. Hope we are going to have fine time,  
a week from today we leave for the beach. Hope we are going to  
have a fine time there too. Warm hugs, Heather

Dear Kirby -

Thinking of you on your Birthday.  
Wonderful that you've been able  
to be one of the Significantees  
of the Great Fellowships - especially  
these contacts this Summer

Exciting indeed  
giving much thought to next  
Summer - not too likely for me  
but will keep "open" -

John + Mary have interest  
but probably not possible next  
Summer - John needs a good  
established year or two before  
he will feel free to plan  
ahead a whole year for a  
Summer tour

Your fall schedule coming  
Along - All our love  
Walt + Mary

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Lunch today with potential So Calif  
Committee on Nuclear Bombs - John &  
Mary - Ron Murray - some fairly  
influential - business & prof. people,  
phys. & Scientist or two. with  
Homer Jack enroute to A & H  
Bomb Conf. in Japan - LR

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Kaito



VIA AIR MAIL  
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KIRBY PAGE 112  
HOTEL SOLDBALDEN  
VESTRE KIRKEGAARDS ALLEE  
KOBENHAVN  
DENMARK

Hi Drampy and Happy Birthday  
love Ronnie



August 2, 1957

Dear Kirby:

We seem to have have been very neglectful in our writing to you on this trip. And to have not sent our birthday greetings so that you would have them on the right day. Any way happy birthday from us. We will leave a package for you to have when you get home.

Perry has still not been feeling very well. Has had a fungus on his big toe which has bothered him and then now that it is about cleared up it has started on his left thumb and is spreading on the next finger. Dr. Cook is putting a special light on it and painting it with some dark purple stuff which looks very bad.

We will leave for the lake either the 11th or 12th of August and will return on the 29th or 30th. We both are eagerly looking forward to the trip.

We have been having weather up in the 90's this past week and the weather man said it might cool off a little tomorrow.

I took Mrs. Levine to the train yesterday morning, she said that this will her last trip up on the train. The next time she goes up some friends will drive her and they will bring Ed home, Sept. 3.

Oh yes, Shadrack has five kittens. She had six but Lulu found them before we did and killed one. Poor Lulu has been having her trouble - we are having a hard time trying to keep her from digging in the lawn.

We have lots of people out on vacation here at the office but starting next week there will be more, even so some will be returning. I have decided to take only three weeks now and perhaps next year take five weeks at one time or split it up. Perry is talking about a trip to Houston and on to Florida up to New York, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. etc. We will have to see how much money we save between now and then whether we can do it or not.

Margaret and Jesse seem to be getting along fine haven't seen them for two weeks. Their dog Roscoe won his championship papers and they showed him last Sunday at a dog show in Santa Barbara with the hopes of winning some awards. They will not be going to the lake with us this year, in fact they have taken one week of their vacation already and will take the other one later. Jesse was sick with the flue so they just stayed home.

Connie and Alice will go to the beach again this year, I think they said right after labor day.

We are anxiously awaiting your return so that we can hear all about your trip. Everyone is asking me questions and I keep saying we just have to wait until you return to find out all these things.

Had a brief chat with Helen Beardsley when she was in the office yesterday, she said that she had a card from you.

Much love  
Marie



August 3 - 1957

Darling:

How does it feel to have a birthday away from home again? I must admit, I'd rather have you here. I'm home. Another heat wave has just broken a little, but nothing so far has been as bad as the July 4<sup>th</sup> one. Have just read in the U.S. News & World Report, what is causing the trouble. Seems the jet air stream has moved from way down south in U.S. to lower Canada. This caused the early hot weather and it has stayed there, also brought in East. I have subscribed to U.S. News & World Report from an offer to old subscribers for half a year.

Today is "Corn Festival" in La Habra, Perry and Marie have gone down early, so Perry can get a haircut (32<sup>00</sup> now) and then go to the doctor, and Marie will watch the parade. Guess I'll have to go down later and mail a couple of packages.

Oh yes! the check was just 23 cents less than last quarter.

Heaps and heaps love and happy birthday.  
I'll kiss you when you get home  
always yours  
Alma

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August 7 - 1957

Darling:

As usual, we are having much cooler weather after heat. In fact I have on a sweater, which I shall wear until we go shopping in an hour or so.

Before I forget it. Gale wants you to come over to his house August 22 or 23 from 2-4 to talk with several friends. Can do? Ed Sanders wants you to talk to the monthly meeting Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at the afternoon session. Since he wants to know right away, I am telling him you can, that I'll take a chance on it.

Nothing from Reinhart. No more dates for series. Guess everyone is away for summer.



Let me know now what time  
your plane is to arrive in L.A.

Perry and Marie leave Saturday  
night for vacation. Walt & Mary  
also leave Saturday. So I'll be on  
my hilltop and Mrs Selene on her hilltop  
only I'll have three dogs, and she  
has a lot of locks. Also, we don't  
have anything worth stealing.

Am keeping busy sewing, but  
can hardly wait for you to get  
home. Less than two weeks now  
~~would~~ to finish the dresses I want  
to make before you get home.  
Up to now have been sewing for  
Epsie and the kids.

Heaps and heaps love, this come

Always & yours

Alma.

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August 10 - 1957  
La Habra, Calif.

Darling:

Well, Donna called last night and told me you were OK and all. Sure was nice of her to call.

Everything here same as usual. Cold nights and hot days. Foggy, smoggy, then some. Took Lula to the vets yesterday for spading. Got her tonight. Sam was lonesome yesterday without her pestering me to death. Before leaving home, she got an idea she wanted to get in my lap, and every time I sat down to write to Epcie or read Thursday's ads, she was right there trying.

Yesterday was Marie's last day at work and today they are feverishly trying to get ready to leave tomorrow for the lake. They return Thursday night before Saturday.

Never saw so many birds. Last night Marie & I saw a Phainopepla and talked to it a while until a hummingbird chased it.

You can't be half as anxious to get home as I am to get you home. Mary & Walt & family at Laguna until Friday. Heaps and Heaps love and then some.

Always yours

Alma

FOLD  
MOISTEN F.  
NO. 6



London, August 12th

Dearest:

Just after I mailed letter to you  
this morning, yours of the 7th arrived.  
I have written "yes" to Kale. Am glad  
you accepted Ed Sankara for Sept. 7th.

Had luncheon with B Vera  
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#51  
Ami. That a program we  
will have in 1958!!

Sell you Monday  
morning at Burbank  
Trans Continental Airlines (Adrian)

NY at 8 PM Sunday.

Can hardly wait!

It will be wonderful

to be with you again.

Loveingly yours own

Kirby

8/25-57

Dear Kirby And Alma!

Just a note to tell you that I'm glad you two finally got together after your twelve weeks of "hopping about", Kirby. As for me? Well, I've managed to keep rather busy and am again back in the "swing of things". Last week was a social week, Monday as you know was the Niemoller luncheon, my it was good to hear him again! Tuesday, I had lunch and talked over Europe with Charlie Mackintosh, Wednesday the same with Wilson Riles and then a trip up Mt. Hollywood for two glorious hours with Allan, Thursday I showed my slides (which were quite successful!) to my family and Friday an F.O.R. Metropolitan Executive meeting. This week I buckle down to business and tackle those dreaded notes.....ugh!

So glad to get your note and tour resumé, Kirby. That tour sounds fascinating, must take one some time!.....???? When I told Allan & Elizabeth that we spent 10 days (daze) at Fruenschaftshiem they groaned....I agree! That was tooooooo much! What a wonderful time I had in Edinburgh, I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

Met a nice pilot on the trip from N.Y. to Chgo., I flew "up front" in the control room on the entire trip, beforehand we had dinner together and he showed me around N.Y., much fun!

Well, it's 12:10 a.m., yawn and time to hit the hay. Be good, and I hope to see you soon.

Much love always,

*Lana*  
P.S. I broke up with Gordon. Too long, no see!



74 WEST MARSHALL ROAD  
LANSDOWNE, PA.

Aug 29/57

Dear Kirby & Alma:

It sure was good hearing from you. Ned and I often recall the many pleasant times we have had together. When Betty's school was out she took us up to East Hampton, Conn. for a while with Byrdie and her family. Their little boy Gary is now two years old. He has a large black German shepherd dog that is his constant companion. When Gary finishes brushing his teeth in the morning, he brushes Carrie's "the dog" teeth with the same brush. How funny can you get?

Alcie's husband passed the bar exam this summer and hopes to practice law in Delaware Co. They have just bought a new house and plan to move in Oct. 1st. Their little boy Stephen is just a year old and a mischief maker if there ever was one. I'm taking care of him this week and while they celebrate their anniversary. I don't think I can wear him out, but I'm sure he will wear me out before his parents return.

Betty spends her summer on a little farm in Maryland, where she and her friend Carrie rally, dig, weed and every flower that ever



produced a seed. Our neighbor  
drove us down there last week.  
We hadn't been down for over a year  
as we saw so great many improvements.  
I think they have close to a thousand  
dry blue, each one with a name tag  
on. They tell me there are two thousand  
varieties and I'm sure they won't  
be content until they have one of each.

The hot dry summer didn't do much  
for my garden but after the nice  
rain on Sunday it looks pretty good.  
The successful flower of this year  
is the impatiens plant. I started  
with one small one about a year  
ago and now have fifteen all  
bursting with color. How are the  
poinsettias? Glad I got some good pictures  
of them when they were at their best.

Give our greetings to Marie and Perry.  
I that Marie was coming to Phila  
before long, we are still looking  
for her and hope she hasn't gotten  
beyond the idea.

My spare moments are spent watching  
a little cloth when I'm not playing  
scrabble with Red or knitting sweaters  
for my grandsons, then of course  
there's the ever present problem, when  
and what to eat, which comes up  
about three times a day. Haven't  
succeeded in putting any weight on  
Red so will have to try some new menus.

Much love and greetings to all  
your family  
Cuthbert



Sept. 20, 1957

Dear Aunt Alma + Uncle Kirby,

Are you all recovered from the trip? Aunt Alma, I'm sure you've had practically as much excitement and work as Uncle Kirby did. I know that you both enjoyed it and received a blessing from it. Aunt Alma, remind me to marry such a n intellectual and famous person. Then maybe I can go to Europe sometime.

I've thought of getting a job in an embassy overseas. I imagine I'll end up working in Houston and enjoy it. That's life and I love it. Had a letter from home this a.m. Momma was at Anderson for her check-up. They congratulated her for



getting along so wonderfully.  
She has to go back in February.  
That will be 5 years since  
the operation. I am so  
thankful and relieved.

I really had a surprise  
when I went to work.  
Dr. Brown has changed things  
around. I now have an  
office of my own with the  
added attraction of air-  
conditioning. They refinished  
my desk too. I really feel  
important now.

Today was the hottest  
day ever. Not a breath of  
breeze anywhere. I'm glad  
two of my classes are in air-  
conditioning.

We just have aches  
of noon this year. Just two  
in the noon makes a lot  
of difference. I even put



one of my petticoats in the closet! That's something, isn't it!

I'm studying hard this quarter. All three of my courses require about 20 pp. each every night. Of course, there's outside reading also.

You all write when you get a chance. I'd love to hear from you.

Love,  
Mary Jo



P.S. We finally broke down  
& got a T.V. set. Bought from  
one of the teachers who was  
leaving. It was such a good  
bargain that I had to  
capitulate. For, of course I  
enjoy the sports (that mainly  
with the girls) & the children love it too - but we  
limit their viewing time & programs.

Sept. 20

Dear Alma & Linley -

I've certainly been  
behind the 8 ball these past few  
months. Sept. in particular has been  
 hectic. After it's over - I'm refusing  
all our side jobs - I've had it!

Our annual Fashion Show came  
off Sept 14 & no one could be happier  
that it's over. I had the responsibility  
for stage & ramp decorations & I was  
a time consuming job.

Monday - I have our birds here  
& Sat we go to S.F. to see John's  
show. Meanwhile - I am  
involved in setting up a  
nursery school. Ten of us are  
doing this. We are using the  
church Sunday School room &

donating money & time to make &  
buy all the necessary equipment.

I really wasn't much in the  
mood for getting into a project  
like this - however we feel that  
Mark can benefit greatly by the  
play with other children his age -  
so I'm up to my ears again.  
We plan to start October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Alma all your wonderful  
sewing for us has been greatly  
appreciated. The aprons are  
wonderful & will be a big saving  
on clothes.

Now. sit down & hold  
your breath - you will again  
be grandparents on or around  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. I can  
just hear Alma say "oh, ho!"  
My 1<sup>st</sup> 3 months were pretty  
rocky - but am feeling O.K. now.



Have really taken my friends by  
storm - because for some reason  
this time my condition has not  
been apparent until just now. I  
wore maternity clothes for the 1st time  
a couple of night ago to Bridge  
club - & you should have seen  
the amazed faces!

The children are delighted - & of  
course we are all hoping for a boy.  
We won't pretend that this one was  
planned - it wasn't. I was quite  
disappointed at first, but Kay thought  
it was great. I feel emotionally  
adjusted to the event now & am  
actually quite excited about it.  
Babies are wonderful - in spite  
of themselves & we'll manage O.K.  
This will be our biggest age  
difference - but 3 years is not  
too much of a spread.

April is now catching on

to potty performance & is off the  
battle - so that will help. She  
has matured so in the past 2  
months. You'd be amazed, Alma.  
Say everything. I feel it will  
be good for her to be without  
Mamie 3 days a week (Nursery  
School will start with just 3  
mornings per week) She plays alone  
very nicely - but she needs some to  
play with & so the usual  
squabbles.

Barbie had a sad 1st day  
at school. Much of it my fault.  
I felt she would make the  
transition from home & me more  
easily if Fay took her - but it  
didn't work out this way. She  
sulked & clung to Fay. So - after  
re-appraising my stiff-upper-lip  
policy - I decided to give it  
my all. So - I went with her  
to school & stayed as long as



she needed me. I worked beautifully. The 1<sup>st</sup> day I stayed a half hour & by the 5<sup>th</sup> day just left her at the door. From then on she went with Wendy & Kay as usual & now is eager to go & seems to enjoy herself. There are 31 in 1<sup>st</sup> grade - so the Board has hired an additional teacher to help.

Don't know what I'd do without Helen. She kept Mark & April each AM when I ~~was~~ took Barle to school. And in a million other thoughtful ways is always on the spot. She still is not ~~pregnant~~ - but ~~still~~ keeps hoping. And here I am wearing all her maternity clothes. Cile seems to be happy at Ione.

While Kay was gone this summer - I had Sherry & her children here for a week & then Gloria & baby stayed with us



when Kay & Jerry went fishing.

Sherry & I really got a chance to  
go — & we did it up brown.  
With all the birds it got a little  
 hectic at times - but was well  
worth it.

Would you share this letter  
with Walt & Mary? I have such  
good intentions - but know I can't  
begin to write letters until well in  
Oct. Give them our best love.

Mary & John know nothing  
about the expected baby - so I  
will be fun surprising them this  
Saturday. Just in case I get this  
mailed soon - don't say anything  
to them - (same for Walt & Mary if  
they are writing) - if you are  
writing to them soon.

This may change our plans  
at Xmas time as I'll be only 6  
weeks away from birth (if the  
Doctor's date is correct) But - I hope  
we can make it.

Much love to you both —  
Kay & Essie

I just take it  
includes  
Jerry & Marie  
also.

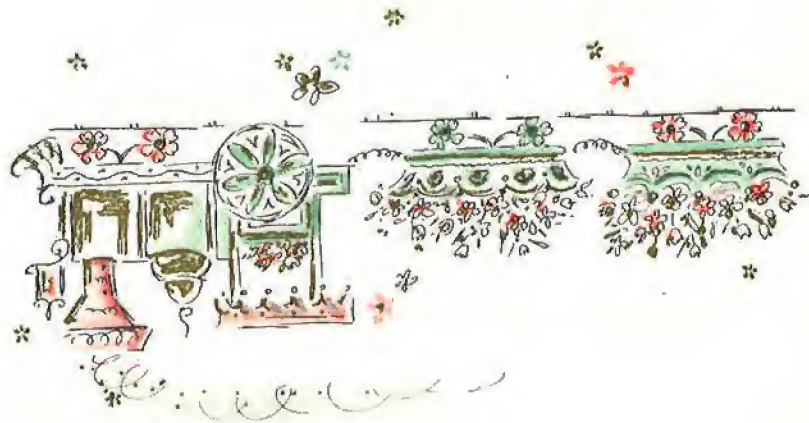


Oct. 1/57

Dear Kirby & Alma:

The train on this paper makes me think  
of you & your wonderful trip and how  
proud we are to be represented abroad  
by people like you.

We did a trip ourselves this  
summer by car to California via  
Texas. A total of 8000 miles! Some  
trip! I had a child on my lap (8 months  
2 years or + years) every hour we were on  
the road! But we had 2 wonderful  
weeks with my folks who are living in  
Stockton, Calif. now. We were so tired  
of travelling & unpacking & packing  
that we did no visiting or stopping  
except with my brother in San Diego,  
my sister in Bakersfield, & Stockton.  
We left June 20 & returned home Aug. 19!  
Our Elizabeth will be 1 year old



on Nov. 22 - that make for and  
 "that's all, brother!" ! Ha ha!

We are all fine - Hope you  
 are also - Greetings Walt &  
 family - Phyllis - Dennis too.

Busy with the new school year -  
 Mr. Rahn 2 in school - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> and 3 at home





# DETROIT-LELAND HOTEL

DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

Oct 14-57

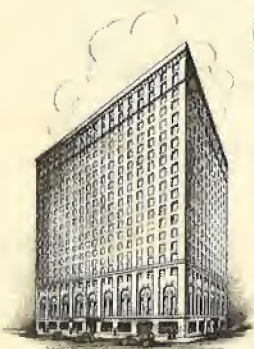
Dear Folks —

So Luke is 50 lbs!! Our scale is off - so we can't weigh Reg - but his almost as large as major. Major isn't as nice & kind these days. Guess his

jealous. We did have a grand time with Mary + John & Walt & Mary. The show was wonderful - best we've ever seen of John's.

I thought they would hear notice that I was in maternity clothes. Sat thru the entire show with Walt & Mary - even talking & Mary outside during intermission without my coat on - & still no "take"!!

OUR AIM IS TO RENDER SERVICE  
A LITTLE MORE COMPLETE - MORE HOSPITABLE  
MORE PLEASING - THAN EVEN THE MOST EXACTING GUEST EXPECTS



We're glad that you are happy about  
the additional grandchild - How it  
won't seem right not to have  
alma on hand at that time!

Still hoping to come down at  
Xmas time, but if we can't it  
will be great to have you  
here either time you mentioned.

I really look pregnant now -  
but so little sign of life that  
I am somewhat concerned.

Perhaps this will be a March  
baby after all. Am due for a  
checkup next week & will see if  
the Doctor can hear the  
heart beat then.

The High School has been  
hard hit by Asian flu. Almost  
closed last week. Ray was out  
for 3 day - but just with heavy  
cold. I've had one for several





# DETROIT-LELAND HOTEL

DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

weeks & the rest of the family are  
getting it now - but not as  
severely. So we hope that we have  
escaped the flu.

Alma - I am trying to plan  
Xmas stuff ahead this year - as I may  
not feel like running to town too  
much in December! So - would  
appreciate any suggestion for you  
& Kirby & Perry & Marie. I include  
also thing ~~for~~ that Fay could make -  
as he may have time if we get  
started soon enough. Also suggestions  
for Margaret & Jesse - if Marie has  
something in mind they would like.  
Mother & Dad are doing better &  
are enjoying. Sending very much.

all our love -  
Fay, Essie &  
Lidlet

OUR AIM IS TO RENDER SERVICE  
A LITTLE MORE COMPLETE - MORE HOSPITABLE  
MORE PLEASING - THAN EVEN THE MOST EXACTING GUEST EXPECTS





P.S. - Barbie is enjoying school now & is also doing very well in reading.

Our small cooperative nursery school has started now. Mark loves it & it is wonderful for April & he by herself a few mornings per week. However - I have to draw back

like finding a place to keep April on the days I'm working etc. - & esp. bad when any of the children are home sick. I would gladly give it up - but feel that the set up is what Mark & April both need just now. So it goes.

Did I tell you that Major fathered 8 pups again about 8 weeks ago? We got the pick of the litter for Cote. No whites this time - & 5 females! Believe this is the end of pups for Major - He's gentle down in the back & shows his age as ever -  
Epsie





## Sabine Hotel

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

Dear Alma  
Just a note to let you  
know I am thinking of you too  
It has been so hot that I have  
stayed close to home.  
Have you seen much of your  
children & grandchildren this  
summer? I would love to see  
him <sup>(Kirby)</sup> doing his washing, but he  
will make it ok.  
Glenn went to the Boy Scouts  
camp at Valley Forge this  
year and called me long distance  
I was surprised but pleased.  
Be glad when Kirby gets home, the  
19th is not too far away Love  
Doris.

Your Home  
Alsonett



Your Castle  
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Paris Wednesday 7 AM

Dearest:

Soon to leave for Geneva.  
We had very fine program  
in Versailles and much  
sightseeing here. The group  
is in splendid spirits.

I rented a typewriter  
and it has nearly  
driven me to drink -  
several letters are  
located in the wrong  
place, French style!  
Finished rough draft  
of my six-page report



letter. After our time  
with Martin Niemöller-  
at Freundschaftsheim will  
send it to you by airmail  
for offset printing.

It is really  
amazing how grand  
I am feeling. Rest,  
sleep & pills!

I love you dearly,

Your

Kirby

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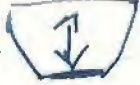
Dear Alma -

The birds are tickled to pieces with their bellouses. Fit beautifully! Thanks so much. The dress for April looks real cute & she's very proud of it. It could be about 1 inch shorter - but maybe best this way - as I can take it up & next year let it down.

April needs the under pants more than <sup>she</sup> others do. As we have finally gotten the pat so she'll be needing quite a few. She doesn't produce yet,



just carries the feet around  
& calls it her "dish"!!!

So — the smaller pair  
of pants are fine for her  
in legs — but are too  
long. Should be about  
8 inches deep from crotch  
to waist →  & about  
18 inches around waist  
with elastic. About like  
those little blue ones you  
made for Wendy. If too  
deep from crotch to waist  
they come up to the fat  
part of her tummy.

Have had interesting  
cards from Finley. So  
happy he is feeling so  
good. Weather has

- 2 -

cooled off here too.

Grace Machado et al  
are now moving into  
their new house - so we  
hope the folks will be  
able to move before the  
25<sup>th</sup>. The heat has been  
hard on my folks & no  
cooler ~~at the~~ at the  
garage.

Fay & I are busy  
with garden stuff. Have  
the food looking good - &  
now are concentrating  
on the back. Meanwhile  
- house goes to pot!

Have finally gotten  
a few things in the patio



planter & it's beginning  
to look less like a  
sand pile or mud  
hole. Now to keep  
Pye out!

How's Sulu? Pye  
wishes she were here.  
Major has not gone  
back to playing with  
him as he did before  
Sulu came. Poor old  
Major - he's been down  
in the back & doesn't  
get around so well  
now. Seems happy tho.

Say - if you have  
any more of those  
yuccas - save 'em  
for us.

Can you start fern  
from cuttings? And  
if so - any special  
trick to it?

At the nursery  
yesterday the girl said  
something to that effect  
in passing & we are  
wondering? Nothing  
about it in the Garden  
Book.

Gotta hang out  
some Diapers — A big  
buz from all of us.  
Having all these blouses  
certainly has given a lift  
to the girls wardrobe!!

much love,  
Eggsie



# Гостиница „Астория“



ЛЕНИНГРАД, ул. ГЕРЦЕНА, Д. 39 т. А.0-00-31



Sunday Leningrad

Dearest:

Arrived after an overnight  
train trip from Moscow. Had  
sleeping compartment for four.

Sent you two letters  
and a postcard from Moscow.  
Sent everybody a postcard  
and am doing same from  
here.

Nothing is easy - no  
problem. Don't get any  
ideas!

Meals very irregular. Some  
days breakfast at 8, dinner  
at 2, supper at 11 o'clock.

Today: 10, 2 and 8.

Sleeping a lot and  
feeling grand.

Much love

Kirby



Moscow - Saturday

Dearest:

It is amazing how much  
we have seen & heard here.  
We were received by the Metropolitan  
(or Bishop) of Moscow. He took  
us all our group in 1958. We  
met Baptist leaders last  
night. Have visited museums  
until they are running out  
of my law. Made the rounds  
of stores. Went to the famous  
Bolshoi Theater for the ballet  
Swan Lake. It was wonderful.  
at 9 PM we leave by  
train for Leningrad - overnight

reen. On the 9<sup>th</sup> we leave  
for Helsinki, spend the night  
there, and reach Paris at  
2:30 P.M. Am to meet  
Sherwood & Larice there.  
Then to proceed with the  
almond group.

Am grateful indeed  
for continued good health.

Much love

Kirk

Sent letter previously and  
postcards from Warsaw &  
Moscow





HOTEL

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Hermann Weinreich  
Inhaber: Frau E. Weinreich  
80 Betten

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your letters have come in 4 days.  
Eagerly devoured!

BERLIN SW 11, den

Anhalter Straße 9

Telefon: 66 74 32

Monday 9 PM

Dearest Sweetheart:

chartered bus tour of West Berlin.  
Appalling wreckage - after 12 years. We are  
across from the old headquarters of the  
Kectapo, which was reduced to rubble.

In an incredible way Berlin  
is being rebuilt with modern  
houses, factories and industrial  
establishments. We saw an entire  
community being rebuilt for  
3500 residents. Housing shortage  
extremely severe.

Excellent program here.  
What a report letter I am working  
on - six single-spaced typewritten  
pages! Tell Francis I will turn

it over to him. The day after I return -  
Aug. 20th that is - and hope that arrange-  
ments can be made to rush it  
through the offset printer - 6000  
copies.

On the second tour we are to meet  
several extremely important people we  
missed on the first tour - Niemoller,  
Henri Roser, Andre Phillips, Heinrich  
Gruber, Sigmund Schulze.

On Thursday we will find out  
if Margarethe Lachmund and her  
husband will be able to go with  
us to Russia in 1958. Pastor  
Mensching is writing to Niemoller  
about the possibility of joining  
our Russian group.

This is proving to be a  
powerful spiritual experience.  
Will write again before taking off  
for Warsaw on Saturday.  
much love your Kirby





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Thursday

Dearest:

Your letter of the 22nd arrived  
in ample time.

Please accept April 13-15 for  
the Christian ministers - I thank  
Rev Frank Cron, First Christian  
Church, Riverside is the man  
who plans you. We will  
make necessary adjustments  
of the series when I return.

Most profitable experiences  
here in West & East Berlin.  
Going now to meet Bishop  
Hibelius and Prophet Gruber.

Receiving a lot and feeling  
fine

Thursday 9<sup>20</sup> P.M.

Had a wonderful visit in  
the home of Hans and Margarethe  
Lachmann. Both are definitely planning  
to go with us to Poland & Russia  
in 1958. They are inviting a  
Norwegian friend to go with us,  
and two people from England.  
Already Andre & Magda Troeme  
of France have said they would  
go to Poland & Russia with us.

Talk with Mary & Nelt about  
his going with us - financed  
possibly by (1) AFSC (2) John  
(3) oil money

More tomorrow

Ever your

Kirby



Saturday - Freundschaftsheim

Dearie:

Excellent program. Pastor  
Menckling moved us deeply with  
the story of his life and will speak  
two or three additional times.

Marquereta Luckman, weighty  
Quaker, impressed us very  
powerfully.

We are out in the Country  
near the small city of Bückeburg.  
Arrangements & facilities are  
primitive. Many speakers  
are coming here for our

Next week we will know if  
the Luckmans will go to  
Russia with us in 1958.

The more I think about  
it, the more I want Nelt  
to make the trip with us  
next year. It would mean  
much to him for the remainder  
of his life.

We can talk about your  
coming next year. The pace  
is strenuous and often  
the food would not be

like for you. Of course



we could supplement on the  
side. If you desire to come,  
we will work it out.

I am sleeping a lot  
and am skipping many  
activities. The weather  
has been cool. Nice and  
warm today.

Your letters come in  
four days. Nice combined  
letter from Mary, Dady, Ronnie  
and Heather. Letter from  
Mary Jo.

This experience will mean  
much to my work.

If you have important  
word - such as Reinhardt's  
reply - please refer to it  
in successive letters, to  
make sure that I get it.

I am holding up  
better than I anticipated.  
Except in Versailles, have  
had a room to myself.  
Writing many letters about  
the 1958 tour.

Love to the three of

You

Devotedly Your



Friday morning.

Dear Filly + Olivia:

Have been waiting for Perry to write but since it doesn't look as if he will I guess I had better.

Perry hasn't felt good since we have been here. For awhile I thought we might have to come home. The dust and pollen have bothered him a good deal. They haven't had any rain up here all summer and the wind has blown every afternoon.

We haven't done very much fishing only been out in the boat once. Most days have sailed down shore for

an hour or two. Feeding  
has been very poor, they  
seem to be feeding on the  
moss on the bottom of the  
lake.

We have felt the two  
atomic blasts very strongly  
here. The one last Sunday  
morning really shook our  
cabin, and made the  
mountains echo. The one  
this morning was much  
lighter.

I knew Joe would eat  
when he got hungry enough.  
How is Butch doing? Has  
Lulu's surgery slowed her



-3-

There have been lots of deer around camp. I have seen several big bucks until the last three days. Still lots of does and fawns, they are quite gentle and I have been able to get quite close to them.

We are anxious to hear all about your trip Kirby and are looking forward to much talk soon.

Also, I suspect you have been pretty busy trying to keep everything watered during this hot weather.

We have decided to go

Come up here again  
in August.

See you soon

Much love

Marie + Perry



MRS. ALLAN A. HUNTER  
1937 MYRA AVENUE  
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CALIFORNIA

Saturday

Dear Alena -

Allan and I have been remembering with deep gratitude the morning you shared with us. Always we find ourselves more buoyant and eager to be more faithful after seeing you two beloved people - That you always stand

us off with both spiritual and  
material nourishment is symbolic  
of the quality of your friendship.

We do thank you. The  
succulents are thriving; the colored  
leaf potted ones - still alive - and  
Allan drinks tea every day out  
of the tall white cup -

You will be at our church  
on the 19th - another lovely time  
to hold. With our loving appreciation,  
Elizabeth



The ESSSEX



THIRTEENTH STREET AT FILBERT  
PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

Friday noon

Darling:

our group came here an  
orientation session because  
The Am. Baptist Convention is  
meeting.

Am greatly impressed  
with the quality of our 17  
or 18 - one Negro minister.

Am leaving now for  
New York.

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

N.Y. Wed noon

Dearest:

Had good day at F.O.R. retreat.  
Notices were sent out late  
and nobody worked on attendance.  
From 15 to 17 there.

Stayed with Marvin and  
Kathleen two nights. Fine  
visit and much help  
for the focus.

This morning I found the  
lost travelers cheques! Had  
fallen inside a folder  
in my bag! Since they



up the new set. As my  
face red!!

Good sleep two nights.  
The group is spending  
tomorrow in Philadelphia  
at No. Bapt. Convention.  
14 on first year and 29 on  
second (to date).

More before I leave  
Much love

Kirk

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KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Tuesday A.M

Alma Claire:

comfortable trip - little  
sleep but made up for  
it at Nlvin's - nine hours.

Am. Express Co. has  
replaced travel's Ck. stolen  
before I boarded plane. After  
you left jam was terrific.  
Near me where two women  
with small children. In  
trying to hold back  
pushing - someone picked  
me. Only loss was  
the new case which



Please ask him to send  
names to Versailles.

off now for F.O.R.  
retreat.

Feeling grand

Much love

Kidg

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Versailles - Sat AM.

Dearest:

Program is far ahead of our expectations. Everybody is really thrilled. It is almost incredible that in one week we should have talked with so many significant people: Muriel & Doris Lester, Sorensonson M.P., Yates M.P. Hughes M.P., seven or eight leaders of peace movement in England, tea in House of Commons, Andre & Magda



Coventry, a banker, Michael  
Scott & So. African farms,  
several hospitals and teachers.

Am feeling grand.  
Will slow down from now  
on!

Five hour bus tour  
of Paris.

Must run now  
for a session.

Heaps of love

Your ever

London, Monday AM.

Darling:

In one week!

It will be glorious to be home again.

Am due to leave New York at 8:00  
P.M. on Sunday the 18th and come to Burbank

Please have someone find out the hour of  
arrival by way of Trans Continental Airlines.  
I notice that the number is Stanley 7-2626  
Lockheed Air Terminal, Burbank.

Am seeing people here about next  
Years program.

Have written to Perry & Marie  
at the lake.

This will be the last letter as the  
time will be too short.

So until I hold you in  
my arms - I love you

Your own

Nicky



on p. 1 & 2 please add,  
after Kloppenburg:

Rear-Admiral Ludwig Stommel

Darling:

at nine this morning I am to  
speak to our group plus people  
from the Heim about impressions  
of Russia.

Much deep affection

Your

Kirby

Wed. a.m.

Dear friends the Pages:-

When I want true facts, I always feel you are those who can help.

We had hoped to get up to see you but we are very much tied up since C.B. went back to work. He loves his work & I know he is young enough still to be a blessing to many people.

But here is my question - is there a definite place that we can point to, which proves it was not necessary to use the atomic bomb <sup>(Hiroshima)</sup> - it seems we heard that arrangements for cessation of hostilities had already been made - Can you help me on this?



(3)

I feel they have come a long way,  
but am still bothered by the fact  
that they feel Hiroshima was a  
means of saving many bombings  
in Japan & also great loss of life.  
The Japanese feel that to be true.

Now I love my sister & husband dearly  
& would like to bring them all the  
way through to a complete victory.

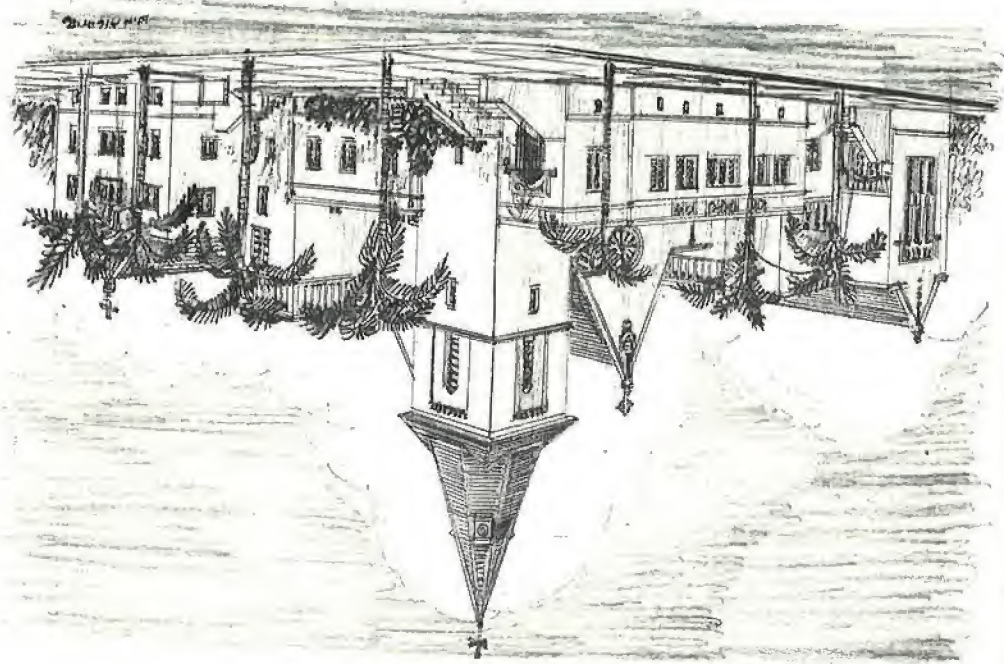
I have a 20 min. devotional period  
next wed. before a large group of women.  
My subject is War & Peace (taken from  
sermon on Mt. teachings). Pray that  
I may help these women to understand  
the issue more clearly.

(2)

This is my reason (if you have time  
to hear me). During the 1st world war,  
Paul registered as one who would not  
bear arms - my good sister & husband  
have been missionaries to Japan for 9  
years. They have just retired & spent  
one week with us the 1st of April.

They were at home on furlough during  
1st war & my B.S.L. told Paul he that  
he was yellow <sup>since he</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>registered</sup> later years he was  
happy to have changed & now admired  
Paul. During another furlough during  
the 1st war - they still thought Japan  
had to be licked - but now they have  
come out & openly admired our son,  
Paul, who was a C.D. in war.

The First Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana, California



Thanks so <sup>14)</sup> much for your time. It  
has been good to visit with you.

Gratefully,

Phenice L. Berger

13132 Shasta Way  
Santa Ana.





## Sabine Hotel

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

I have lots of work to do around the house when the weather clears up. Thera and her 3 boys doing O.K. her latest and Barbaras latest are running a race to see which one grows the fastest. Think Bobbys is ahead. Bobbys next youngest Johnathan had 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns on both feet from scalding water but is back on his feet now and they dont think there will show to be any

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skin grafts had no worried  
for a while. Pat is quite  
a young lady now 13.

How are you and  
Kirby making out and  
all the little pages.

Hope the earthquake  
did not affect you.

Let us hear from you  
soon.

Lot of Love

Bellie & Chris.





Dear Kinsley Alma -

Doing my accounts - so  
just a note. We so enjoyed  
your visit! Rye missed the  
pups so the first few days -  
now he pesters Major all  
day long - but Major has  
accepted him (I guess one  
is better than three!) & even  
enjoys him sometimes. Rye is  
now sleeping in the dog house -  
has to be locked in tho. His  
still not very house broken - &  
is outside most of the time. How  
his grown - & getting much  
lighter. Leg all silver now.

The kids finally started  
calling him Rye - after I  
dropped the ~~the~~ idea - so that  
the name.

Had a wonderful visit  
with Mary & John.

Made love to all -

Eyes